



IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 25 as follows:

Rotation of interior doorknob 11 will cause a corresponding rotation of opening spindle 6 and latching spindle 7. Opening spindle ~~[[7]]~~ 6, in turn, causes latch bolt 54 to be extended or withdrawn from bolt assembly 8 thereby allowing access, providing such rotation is allowed by the position of locking member 21 of locking mechanism 4. In practice, some designs employ a clutch mechanism that allows rotation of the interior knob 11 and corresponding withdrawal of bolt 54 from bolt assembly 8 regardless of the position of locking member 21 in order to provide immediate egress in case of fire.